

Here's a Pitch for New Links

Kiowa mechs, next time you get main rotor pitch links, eyeball them carefully.

If the NSN is 3040-01-152-4578, you've got the new pitch link. It's better than link, NSN 3040-00-128-1627. But there are some important differences between the two.

For instance, C28 to TM 55-1520-228-23-1 tells you the new pitch links don't need a 300-hour or 6-month inspection. The old ones do.

On the new pitch link assembly, the fine threads are on the upper clevis and coarse threads on the lower. That's the opposite of the old-style links.

When replacing pitch links, use either 2 old style or 2 new ones. Never mix old and new types.

Check out Changes 30 and 31 to the TM for the info on how to adjust the new links.

